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PRESIDENT MCGINLEY PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Further discussion on the Von Minden amendment. Senator Von Minden, you may close.

SENATOR VON MINDEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I didn't intend this thing to go on this long and, by the way, Senator Kilgarin, I didn't really mean to raise your temperature ten degrees. I am just trying to save the state a little money. And Senator Wesely said it's pittance all right, that is what you are saving the people. That is right, it is pittance for the people. That is what I am trying to get across to you but when you multiply it by several thousand it is dollars to the state. The same argument Senator Newell said, he says it only saves two hundred, well it happens to be a little bit more than that coming out of the commissioner's, the Tax Commissioner's office. It is a little more than \$200,000 and I say to you again, the introducer of the bill says we have to look out for the poor and she emphasizes the "poor," the "poor." Well, I'm sorry, I guess I'm not in that category where I think \$20,000 is a "poor." To me it is a fairly decent wage. I think that most of the people of Nebraska are probably making less than that. And I want to emphasize again, we can't run the government by giving tax credits for everything there is. It is a pittance all right to the people paying it but it amounts to several thousand dollars for the State of Nebraska. This will make a bill halfway decent. I ask you to look it over and vote in favor of this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. The debate is closed on the Von Minden amendment. The Chair would like to interrupt here to introduce Senator Marsh's guest under the south balcony, Mr. Ben Meier, who is from the Secretary of State's, he is Secretary of State of North Dakota and Mrs. Clara Jenkins who is the corporate registrar in the Secretary of State's office in North Dakota. We welcome you to the Legislature. Glad you came south for the winter to get out of the cold. The vote...we are about to take a vote